

PUBLIC FORUM

FOR CERTAIN TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES

January 31, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Millis Public Library

The Millis Conservation Commission, in collaboration with students from the Conway School of Landscape Design, is hosting a public forum to hear community ideas regarding certain town-owned properties. We want your input on the future of fourteen (14) properties with an emphasis on the following five (5) open space and park parcels:

- **Waites Mill Park – Intersection of Myrtle and Pleasant Streets**
- **Village Street Walking Paths – 391 Village Street***
- **Pleasant Meadow Park (Verderber Farm) – 72 Pleasant Street***
- **Pleasant Street Park – Triangle bordered by Pleasant, Village & Dyer Streets**
- **Richardson Pond – Curve Street**

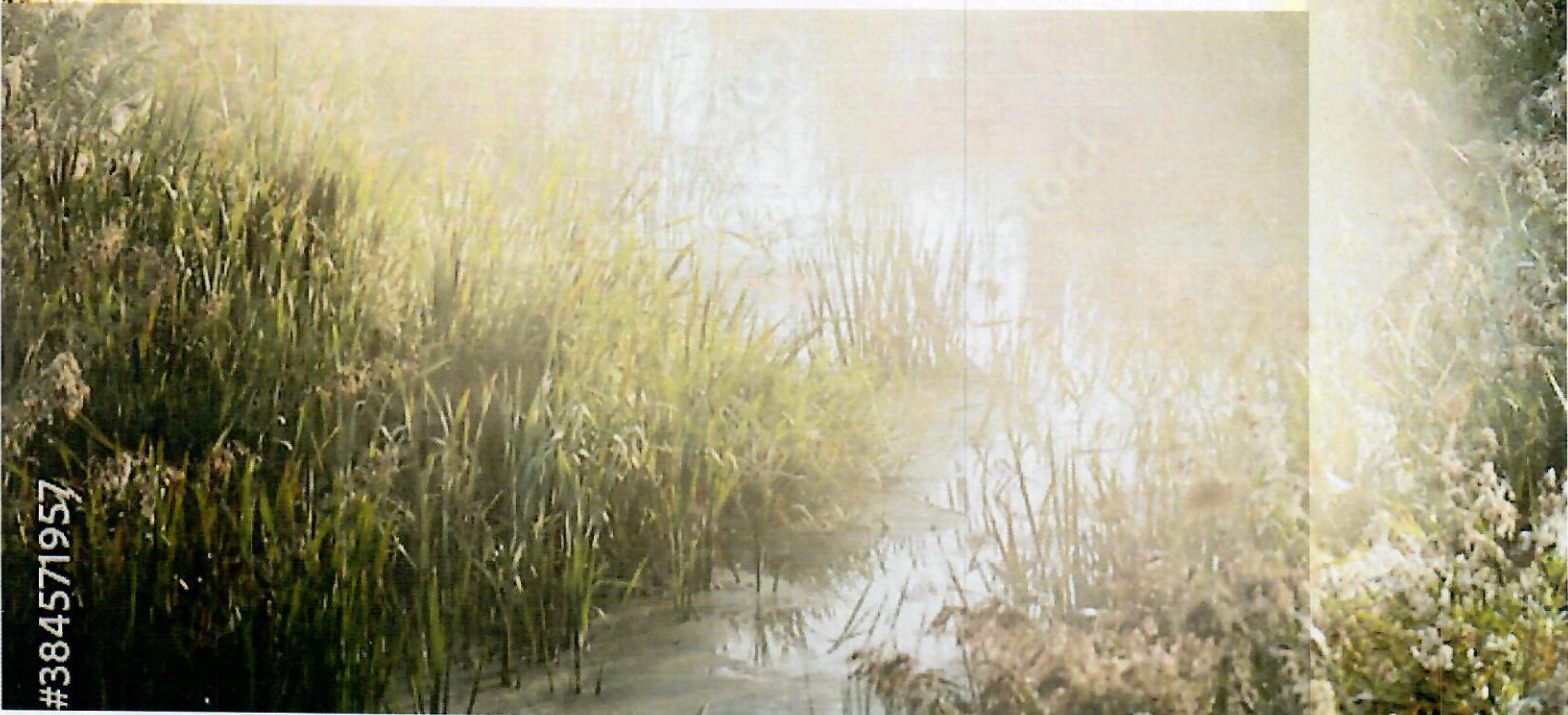
What would you like to see happen at these five open spaces?

How can we encourage greater use of these properties by residents?

How can these properties best serve the interests of the Town?

This is an important opportunity to help shape the future of Millis's open spaces and to take part in determining how best to use these properties to benefit our community.

*These two properties are restricted to "passive recreation," which excludes ball fields and playgrounds.

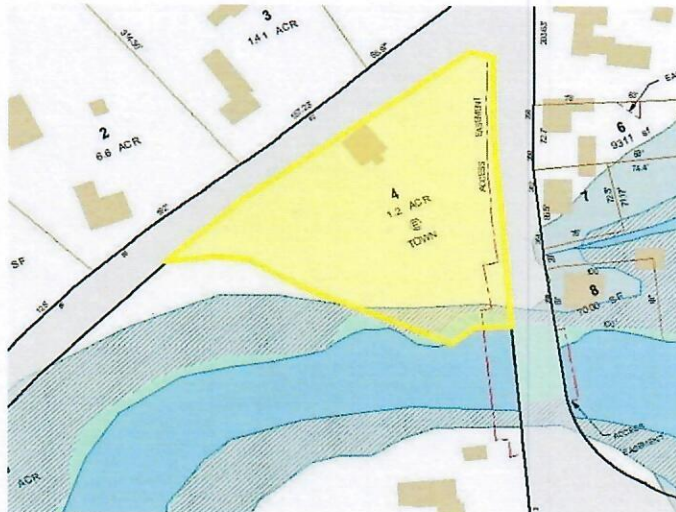


Waites Mill Park

63 Myrtle Street

This is the home of the old Rockville Fire station #2. The fire station sits on 1.2 acres of land with a swing set, benches, grills, and steps leading down to the Charles River. The Fire Department maintains the building which is used for storage and the DPW maintains the grounds.

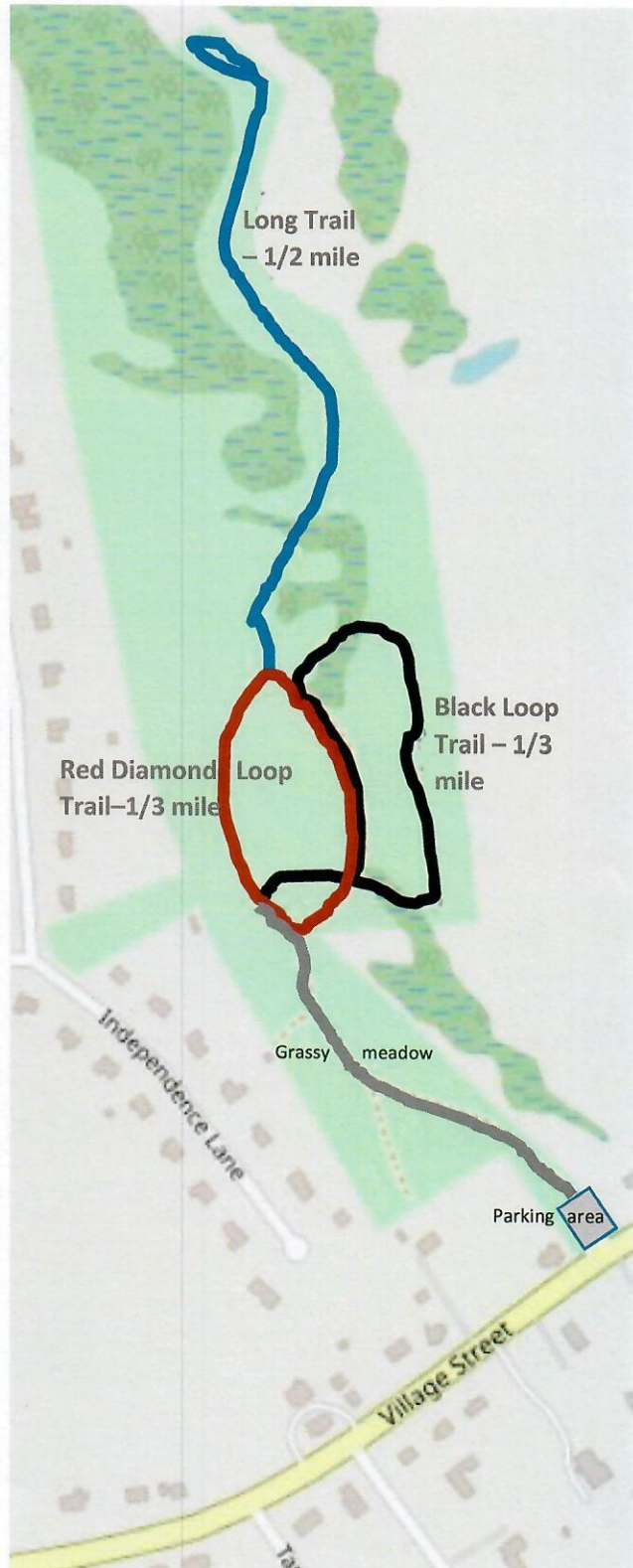
It was acquired in 1920 from American Felt and at one time housed a grist mill. There is parking on Pleasant Street and on Myrtle Street.



**Welcome to the
Conservation Commission Property
Located at 391 Village
Street:
Village Street
Walking Path**

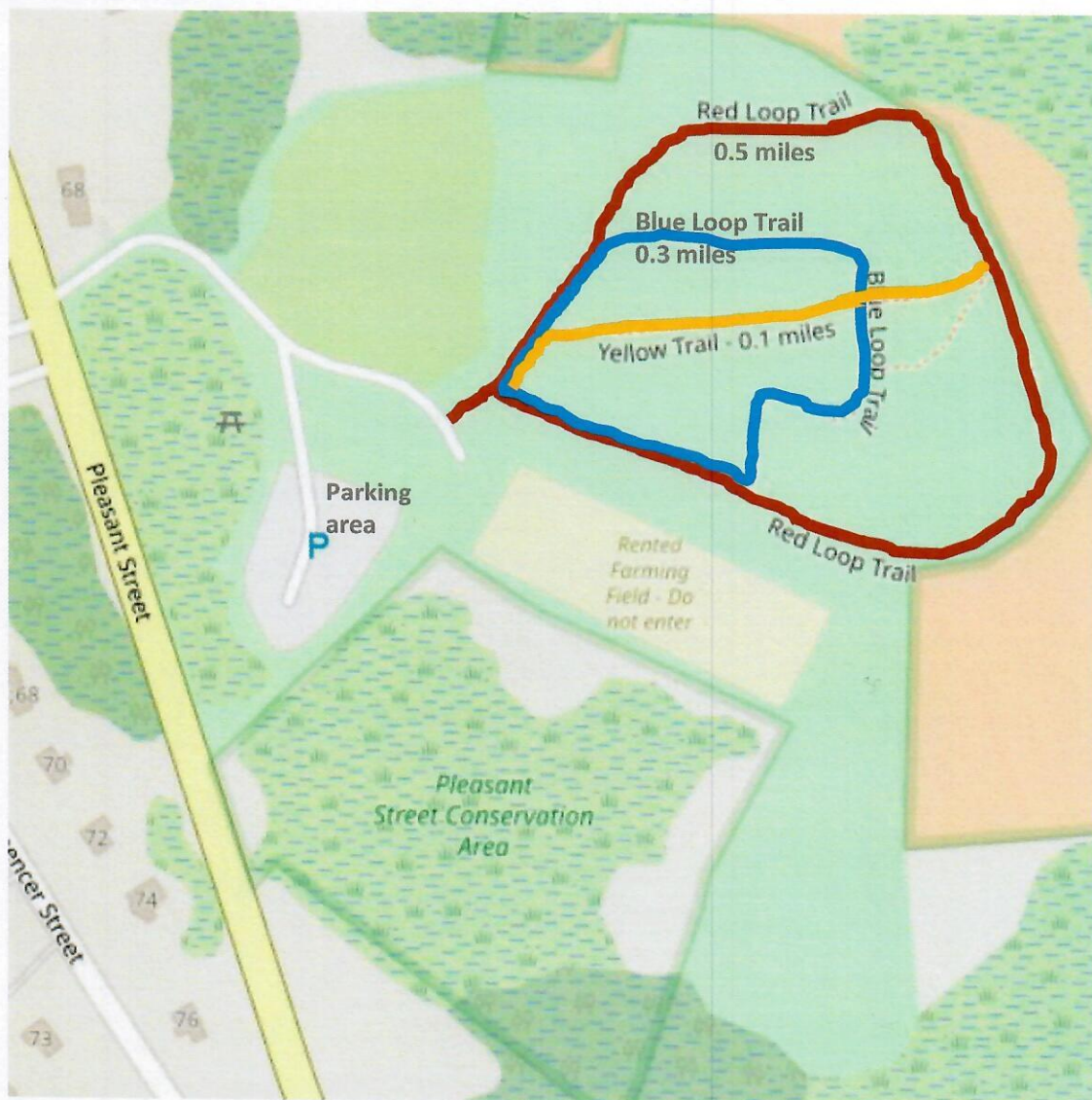


This 35-acre property features an open grassy meadow leading to a wooded area containing walking trails. The third of a mile Red Diamond Loop Trail follows a former cross country ski path. For a more challenging walk, the third of a mile Black Loop Trail has some steep portions. The half mile Long Trail is a one-way path through marshy woodlands. A granite stone marker indicates the end of the property and the return point.



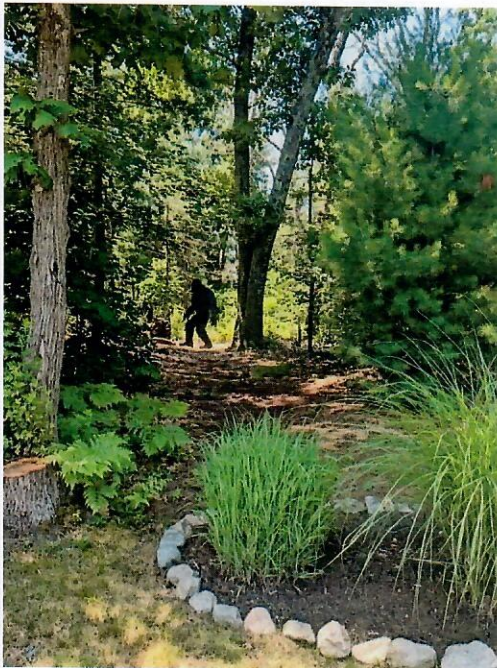
Welcome to the
Conservation Commission Property
Located at 72 Pleasant Street:
Pleasant Meadows Farm
Aka VerDerber Farm

This 37 acre property is a popular location for joggers and bird watchers alike. It features a wooded upland with walking trails, an open grassy meadow, and wetlands. The walking trails include the half mile red trail, which circles the woodland, the third of a mile blue trail for a quicker walk through the woods, and a 0.1 mile yellow trail that heads to the top of the hill in the center of the property. The Pleasant Meadows Farm property is open daily for residents to enjoy sunrise to sunset.



**Welcome to the
Conservation Commission Property
Located at 290 Village Street:
Pleasant Street Park**

The four-acre triangle where Village, Pleasant and Dyer Streets meet, is home to a small patch of conservation land. While there is no designated parking and only a short trail entering from the Village Street side, this little wooded patch offers the chance to catch a glimpse of Millis' own sasquatch.



Welcome to the
Conservation Commission Property
Located at 235 Curve Street:
Richardson's Pond

This small pond has a short walking trail extending half way around, leading to an overlook to the grassy marsh located on the far side of the property. This area is home to many species of ducks and the occasional heron can be spotted amid the wetland and pond flowers. The front area of the pond has a small picnic area and a large gravel parking area.

